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SUBJ: FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS FOR NEW CONSULATE
OFFICES, PERTH

1. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME WOODEN CABINETS LOCATED IN THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S OFFICE, AND A FEW CHAIRS IN THE RECEPTION AREA, ALL OFFICE FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS AT THE CONSULATE AT PERTH WAS INTRODUCED SECOND-HAND OVER THE YEARS FROM OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. CONSULATE PERTH HAS APPEALED FOR AN APPROPRIATE UPDATING OF THIS MOST UNAPPEALING FEATURE IN LINE WITH THE OVERALL PROJECTION OF ITS NEW OFFICES. CURRENT FURNISHINGS ARE, IN ESSENCE, EARLY POST-WAR GSA GENERAL ISSUE, AND/OR AGED MILITARY EXCESS, WHICH POST HAS HAD TO MAKE DO OVER THE YEARS.

2. PROPOSED REPLACEMENT FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS, AVAILABLE LOCALLY AT PERTH, ARE DESIGNED TO INTEGRATE THEMSELVES INTO CURRENT CONSULATE SURROUNDINGS, AND PROJECT MAXIMUMS IN IMAGE. TOTAL RENOVATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE BOOKCASES, SETTEES, AND OCCASIONAL TABLES FOR PO'S OFFICE, MODULAR SEATING, TABLES, ETC., FOR RECEPTION AREA; SLIDING DOOR STORAGE UNITS FOR CONSULAR UNIT, OPEN-FRONTED CUPBOARD/BOOKCASES AND WORKTABLE COMBINATIONS, ETC., ALL IN AREAS ON PUBLIC VIEW) SUFFICIENT TO REVAMP CONSULATE OFFICES WOULD AMOUNT TO A\$3,262.49 (US\$4860.13).

3. THE ABOVE WAS DISCUSSED, IN DETAIL WITH MR. REINER DURING LATTER'S LAST VISIT TO PERTH PRELIMINARY TO HOME LEAVE, AND RECEIVED HIS UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT. IT IS HOPED THE
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DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE SERIOUS

CONSIDERATION TO THE ABOVE, WHICH WOULD DO MUCH TO BRING
THIS LAST REMAINING AUSTRALIAN CONSULAR POST ON PAR WITH FS
POSTS IN OTHER AREAS. AS ALL PROCUREMENT GROUNDWORK HAS
BEEN COMPLETED, LEGAL COMMITMENTS CAN BE PUT INTO FORCE AT
ANY TIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF CURRENT FY.
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